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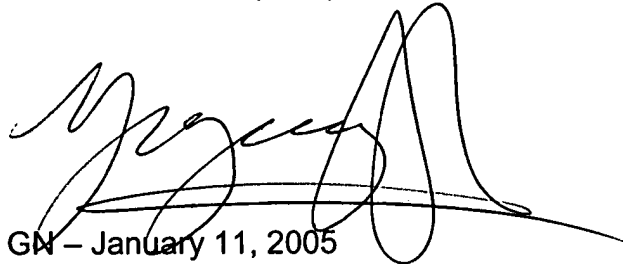
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1. The reply filed on November 16, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant failed to distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the examiner's action. Applicant must reply to **every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action**. The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references. For example, in the Remark, page 8, 4th paragraph, Applicant merely concluded that the applied references failed to provide or suggest the claimed limitations without specifically pointing out the supposed errors in every ground of rejection in the prior Office action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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